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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Katsuyuki, Torii, et al.

Application No.: 10/591,006

Filed: August 28, 2006

For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

Customer No.: 20350

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Examiner: Alexander Belousov

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED
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Accompanying the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed herewith, and in response to the Final Office Action mailed January 14, 2009 on the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.